GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:62
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2001
SPORTS POLICY
ANANT GANGARAM GEETE

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government, in the wake of Sydney Olympics experience, have formulated any substantive sports policy to train Indian sportsmen at par with international level;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government propose to identify some sports for specialisation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 62 26.02.2001 REGARDING SPORTS POLICY ASKED BY SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE

(a) & (b): Performance of Indian Sports Persons in Sydney Olympic Games was discussed in many meetings including the Parliamentary Standing Committee and Consultative Committee. Ingredients of a new Sports Policy have also been discussed with all stakeholders and the new policy is under finalisation. Its ingredients cover initiatives & measures to improve standards of sports in India, including :-

i) Broadening the base- especially for competitive sports.
ii) Improved infrastructure - for the National Teams.
iii) Improving the knowledge of our Coaching Community.
iv) Improving the practical knowledge of our sports scientists to enable them to contribute along with the coaches to enhance performance of sports persons.
v) Improved functioning and professionalisation in management of Sports Federations.
vi) Greater involvement of States in the development of Sports Infrastructure and improved training of sport persons.
vii) Involving the private sector to adopt and sponsor individual / specific sports disciplines.
viii) To create awareness in the general public for greater participation in sports activities.

(c) & (d) : Based on our potential and performance in the past, the Government has already grouped various sports disciplines into three categories. The details of these categories are as under:

1. Priority Sports Disciplines

(a) Archery; (b) Athletics; (c) Badminton; (d) Billiards & Snooker (e) Boxing; (f) Chess; (g) Football; (h) Hockey (Men & Women); (i) Kabaddi; (j) Rowing; ((k) Shooting; (l) Tennis; (m) Cycling; (n) Wrestling; (o) Weightlifting; and (p) Swimming.

2. General Sports Disciplines

(a) Basketball; (b) Canoeing & Kayaking; (c) Equestrian; (d) Fencing; (e) Golf; (f) Gymnastics; (g) Handball; (h) Judo; (i) Squash; (j) Table Tennis; (k) Volleyball; and (l) Yachting.

3. Other Sports Disciplines

Other recognised sports disciplines which are not covered under the aforesaid two categories.